

Around the Schools

Kyle headed to Washington



Lee Burneson Middle School eighth grader Kyle Yu, 13, defended his title at the state Geographic Bee on April 4 and will now represent Ohio again at the National Geographic Bee next month in Washington, D.C.

Kyle beat out about 100 other fourth through eighth graders for the state title, which he also claimed in 2013. The national finals will be held May 19-21 and the winner will be crowned the 26th National Geographic Bee champion. School-level winners took a qualifying test and the top 100 scores were named semifinalists and eligible to compete at the state Bee. As the state winner, Kyle received \$100, the "complete National Geographic" on DVD, and a trip to Washington, D.C., to represent Ohio in the national finalist at the National Geographic Society head-

quarters. The first place national winner receives a \$50,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership in the National Geographic Society, as well as an all-expenses paid trip to the Galapagos Islands. Preliminary rounds of the national contest will take place May 19. The championship round featuring the top 10 finalists – moderated by award-winning journalist Soledad O'Brien – will be held May 21. The National Geographic Channel and Nat Geo Wild will air the final round of the 2013 National Geographic Bee at 7 p.m. on May 22.

WHS Sophomore Advances in Horsemanship

Westlake High School sophomore Karalyn Suter qualified in junior varsity beginner horsemanship, advancing to the Inter-scholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) Zone 5, Region 4 western trials regional competition. Karalyn rides for Equine Differences in Oberlin. She competes with high school riders from Summit, Stark, Lorain, Medina, Mahoning and Tuscarawas counties on May 10 in Sullivan.



PTA's A Bloomin' Affair

Westlake Council of PTAs Annual Flower and Plant Sale is now in Progress! Partnering with Dean's Greenhouse and Nursery, Westlake Council of PTAs is offering flats of blooming annuals, individual specialty annuals, herbs and greenery, hanging plants, and porch and patio baskets for your spring and summer garden needs. OUR SALE HAS NOW GONE ON-LINE FOR ORDERING WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD PAYMENT! See www.myteamworks.org/westlake-pta-flower-sale for full-color pictures and credit card orders by April 25 (preferred method for ordering). Paper orders will be accepted through the Westlake City School building of your choice until Friday, April 18. Checks should be made payable to "Westlake Council of PTAs." Visit <http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1107203470767-296/A+Bloomin+Affair+2014.pdf> for more information.



LBMS Students Earn Achievement Roll

Three Lee Burneson Middle School students qualified for Achievement Roll status for their high scores on the American Mathematics Competition (AMC) 10 contest. Eighth graders Ryan Karpuszka scored 108 and Patrick Lee scored a 103.5, and seventh grader Angela Zhu scored a 90 on the exam. They are among 18 students in Ohio on the Achievement Roll, and among 22 students from LBMS who qualified to take the test. Other participants were Sanil Gosain, Maria Alamir, Paola Del Rincon Martinez, Akshya Dhinakaran, Talya Jeter, Lalit Kulshreshtha, Miranda Li, Hyun Park, Akhilesh Reddy, Sean Rossander, Allison Routhier, Finsam Samson, Chad Sargent, Mihir Shetty, Meghana Tandon, Matthew Vulku, Kyle Yu, Talia Zheng and Albert Zhou.



Dr. Keenan to leave Westlake City Schools

After seven years of leading the Westlake City School District, Superintendent Dr. Daniel J. Keenan Jr. announced his resignation, effective July 31, 2014, to accept the position of Executive Director of the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. We congratulate him on his new role and wish him all the best. Read more at [http://www.wlake.org/School%20Publications/News%20Releases/News%20Releases%202013-2014/Keenan-Resignation%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.wlake.org/School%20Publications/News%20Releases/News%20Releases%202013-2014/Keenan-Resignation%20(1).pdf)

A Taste of Westlake

Citizens for Westlake Schools present A Taste of Westlake. Wagners of Westlake, 30855 Center Ridge Road on Thursday April 24, 2014 from 7 to 10 p.m. cost: \$30 per person. Cash Bar & Casual Dress. All proceeds support Citizens for Westlake Schools. Strong communities like Westlake are anchored by premier school districts like the Westlake Schools. This combination continues to draw business, families and others looking for a healthy community in which to invest their futures. Visit http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1107203470767-291/TOW_Flyer_2014.pdf for the ticket order form.

